HUH? ISN'T THIS GUY THAT MAGE FROM LOUDE'S PARTY?

BUT... WHY IS HE NAKED?

UH...

SO...

WAIT, WHO CARES IF HE'S NAKED,
SHU-MPF
WHERE THE HELL IS THE MONSTER?

THE NOISE DEFINITELY CAME FROM OVER HERE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'LL PRETEND I DIDN'T SEE YOU.
HA HA HA
...
LET'S JUST GET OUT OF HERE FOR NOW.

WAIT.

THAT'S **MY** LINE, YOU DAMN **NUDIST!**

A LEVEL 5 SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

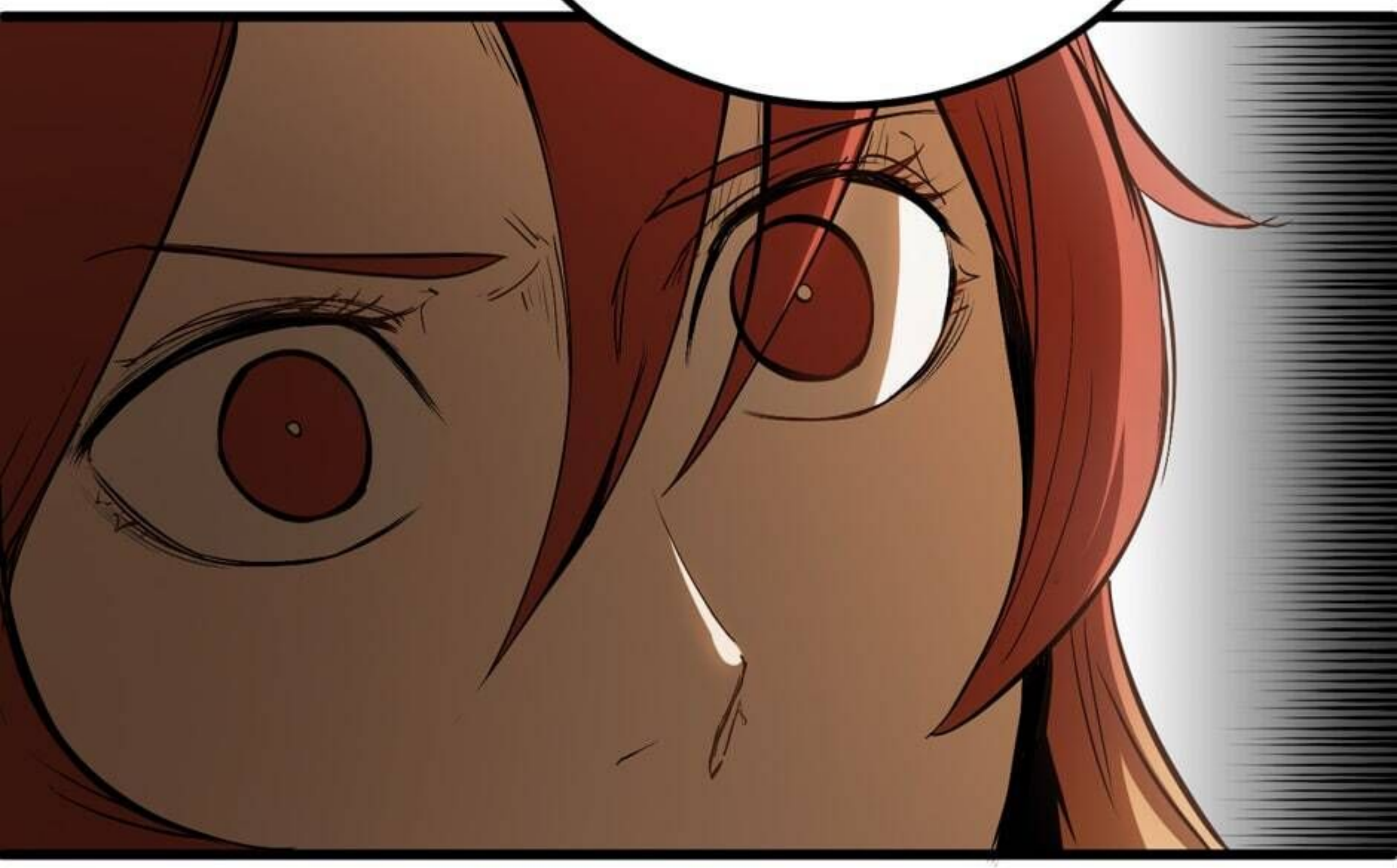
THAT...

THIS ISN'T A PUBLIC BATH, DUDE!

I HAVE TO FIND THAT MONSTER...

LOOK, I WAS JUST PASSING BY AND I HEARD A LOUD NOISE, SO

I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A BIG MONSTER OR SOMETHING.



MY PARTY IS PROBABLY WAITING FOR ME, SO I'M GOING TO GO.
TAK

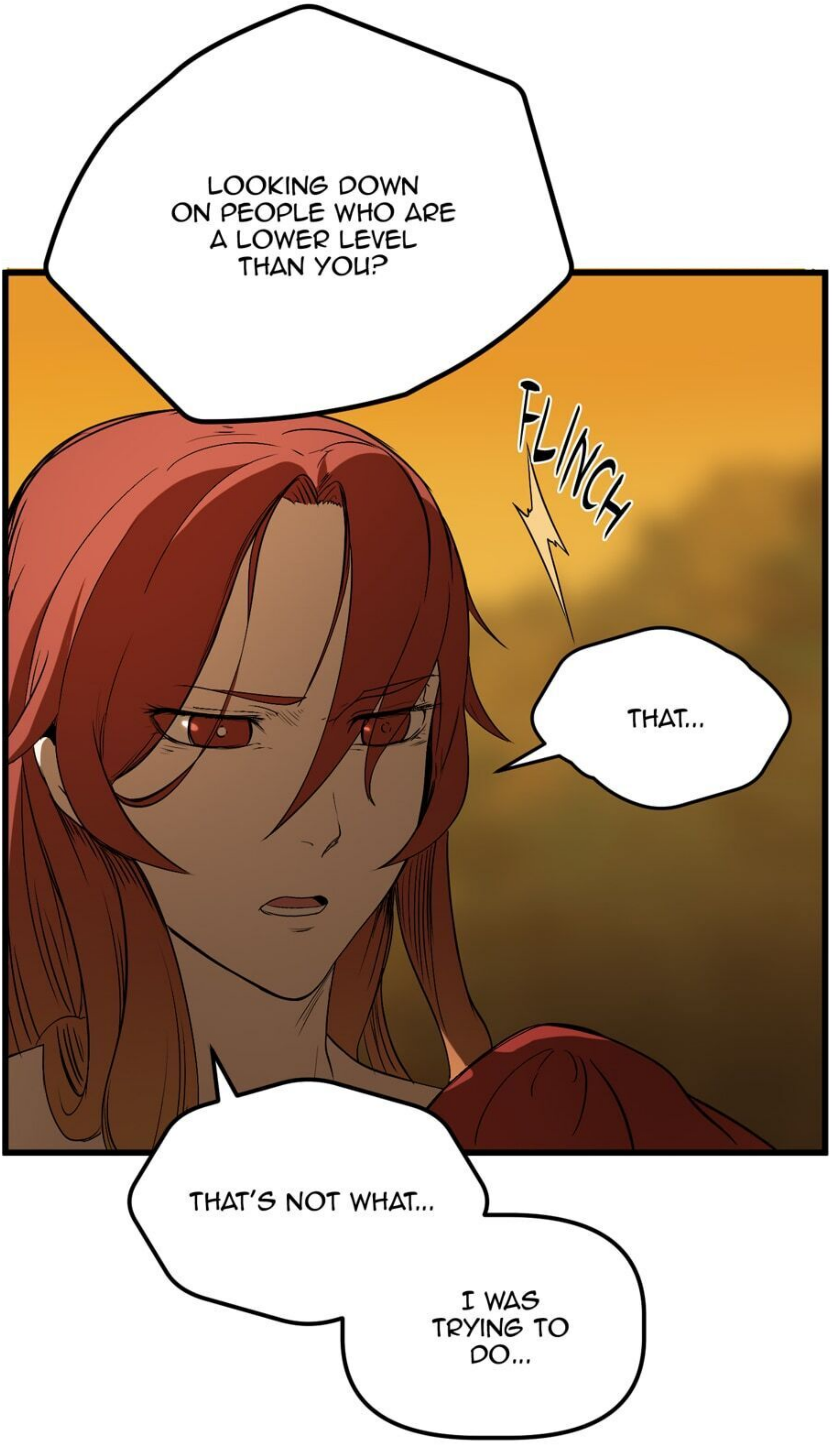
WOOM

STOP RIGHT THERE!
TELL ME THE TRUTH!

DID YOU SEE THE MONSTER?!

IF YOU DON'T ANSWER ME, THEN...

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS, BUT
I REALLY HAVEN'T SEEN THE MONSTER YET.
BESIDES, WHAT'S WITH YOU AND LOUDE


LOOKING DOWN ON PEOPLE WHO ARE A LOWER LEVEL THAN YOU?
FLINCH
THAT...
THAT'S NOT WHAT...
I WAS TRYING TO DO...

I THINK I JUST GOT TOO EXCITED.
RUSTLE

YOU SHITTY...
LEVEL 5!!

LOUDE!

YOU'VE FINALLY REVEALED YOUR TRUE NATURE!
WHAT?
YOU'RE HURTING MY WRIST.
CAN YOU LET GO?
YOU BASTARD!

AS IF EMBARRASSING ME IN FRONT OF MISS SEGURIE WASN'T ENOUGH,
SHWRRRRR
NOW YOU DEFILE THE LADY OF OUR PARTY!

WHAT...? LADY?

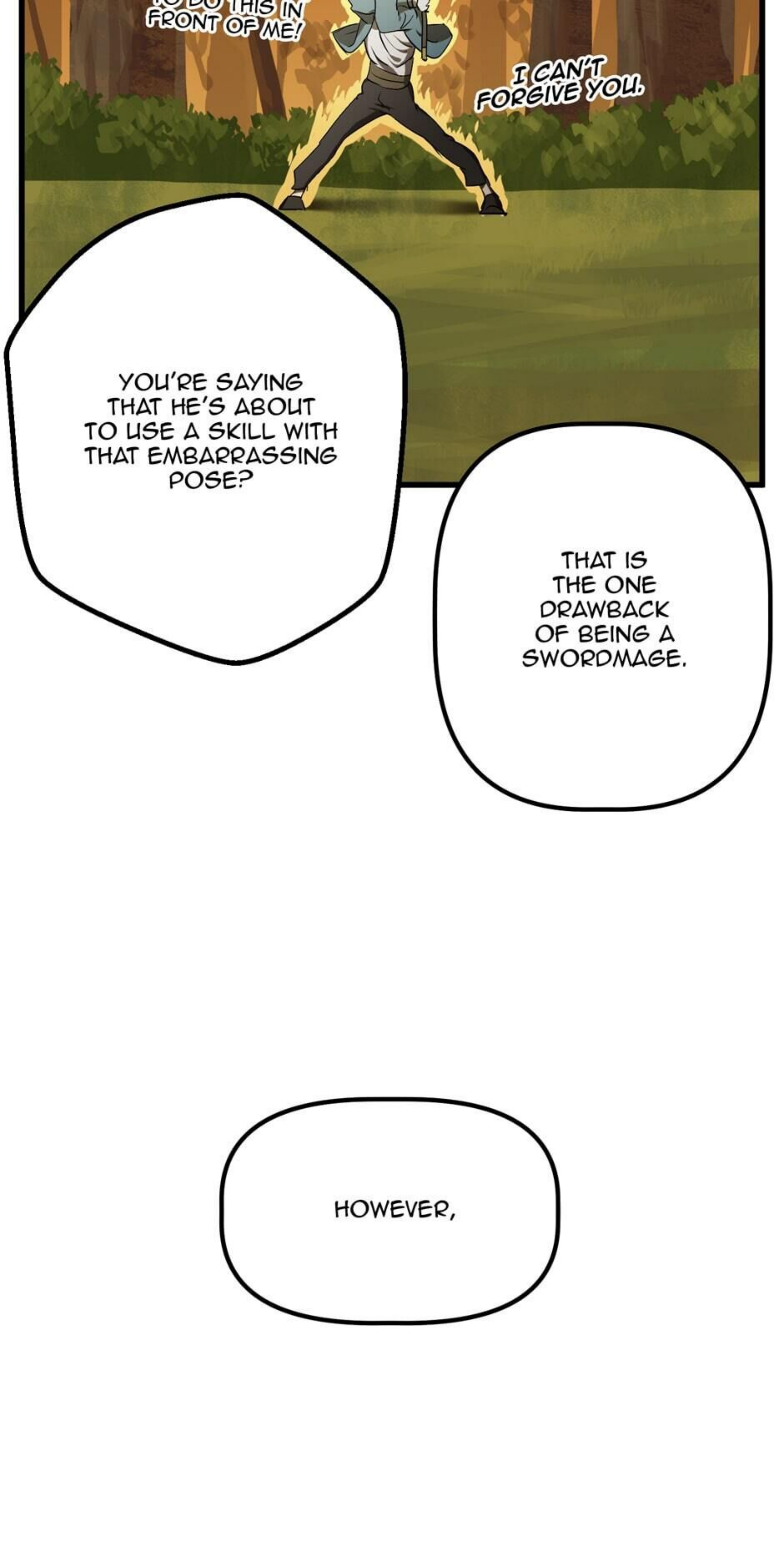
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING...

YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY.

LOUDE IS PRETTY STRONG, EVEN AMONG SWORDMAGES,

AND THAT POSE MEANS HE'S GOING TO UNLEASH A TECHNIQUE.

HOW INSOLENT,


TO DO THIS IN FRONT OF ME!
I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU.
YOU'RE SAYING THAT HE'S ABOUT TO USE A SKILL WITH THAT EMBARRASSING POSE?
THAT IS THE ONE DRAWBACK OF BEING A SWORDMAGE.
HOWEVER,

WHEN LOUDE TAKES THAT POSE, THAT MEANS HE'S SERIOUS.
YOU...
I'LL ALLOW YOU YOUR FINAL WORDS...

SPEAK, THE NAME OF THE ENEMY WHO WILL FALL FROM THESE TWO BLADES...!
AH, YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON.
SORRY, I FORGOT.

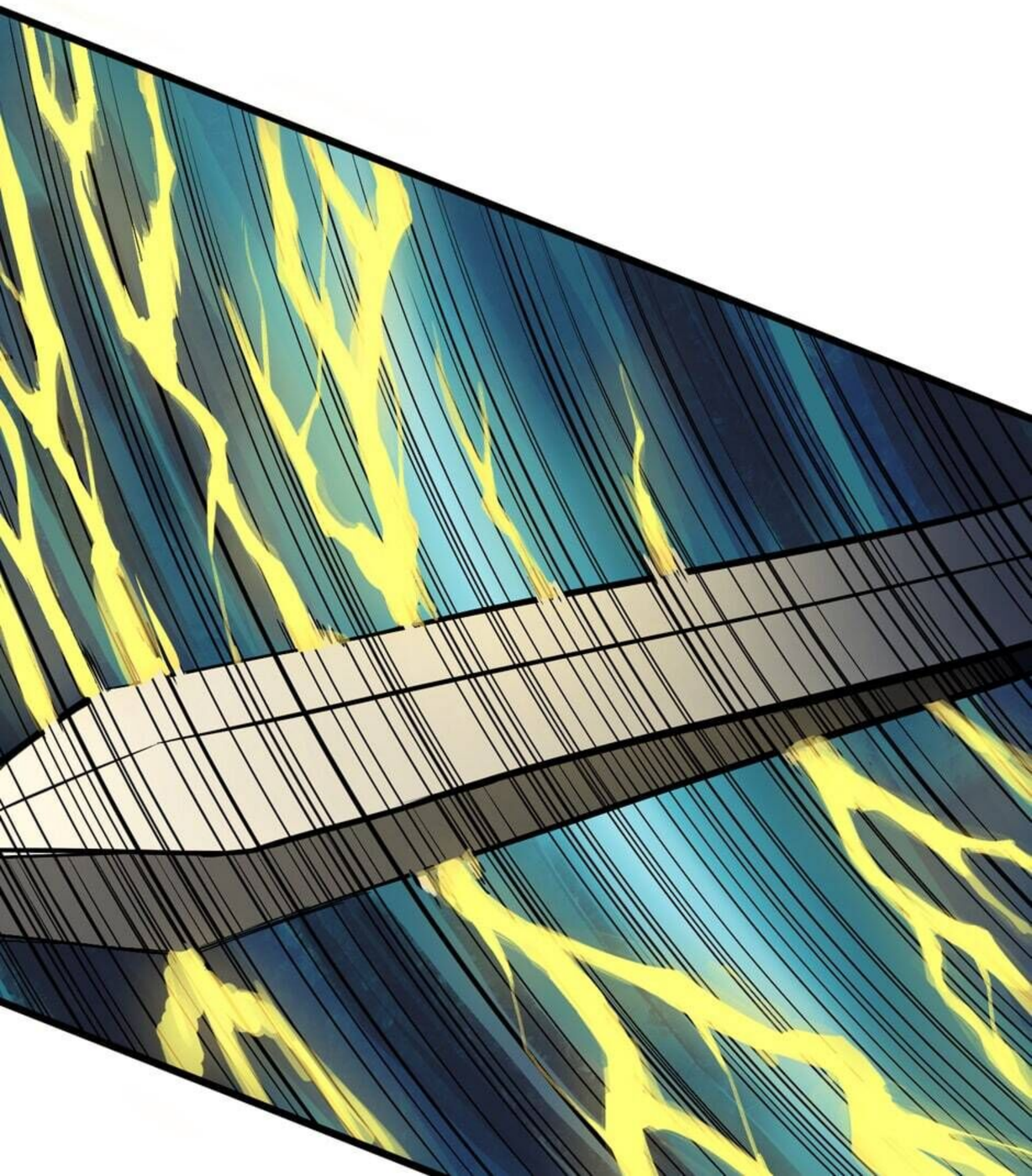
FWA

CRACKLE
I WILL SHOW YOU...
THE DIFFERENCE

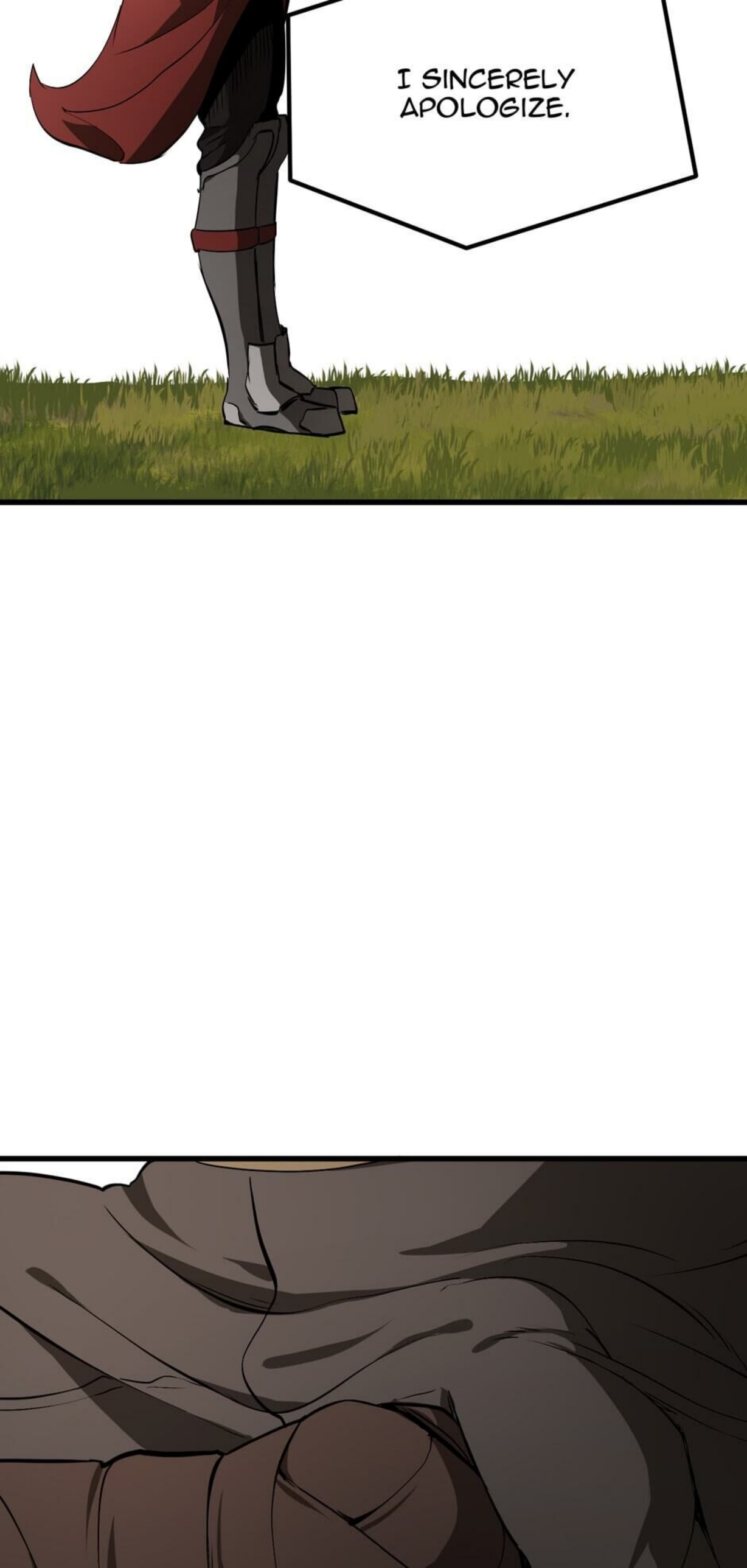
BETWEEN OUR LEVELS!!
FWOOSH
TWIN

LIGHTNING
AND THUNDER!

I REALLY DON'T WANT TO MAKE THIS INTO A BIG DEAL, SO...



CRACK
BOW


I SINCERELY APOLOGIZE.

BOOM

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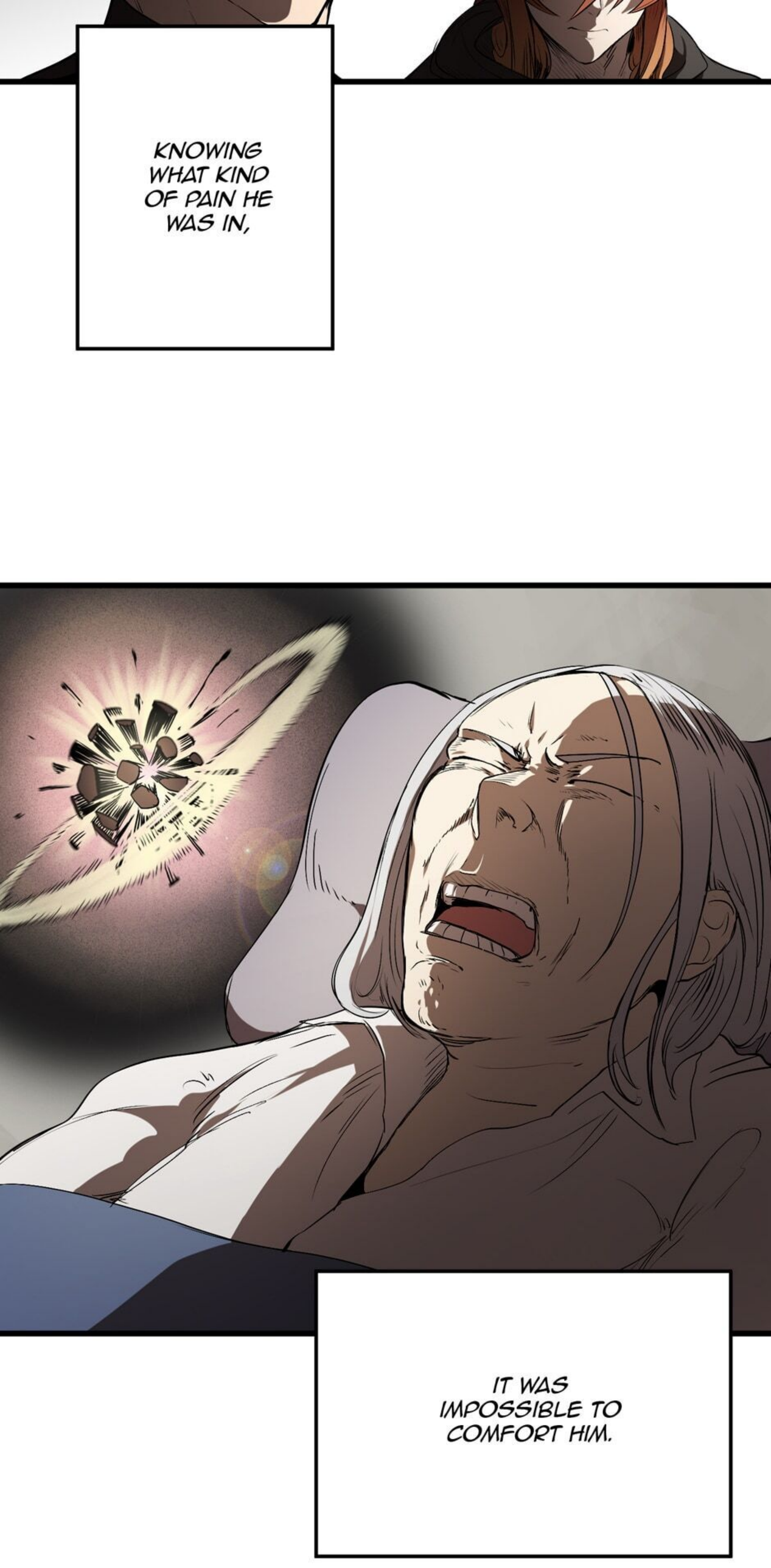
I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED FROM ARTIS.
ANYONE CAN SEE THAT IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

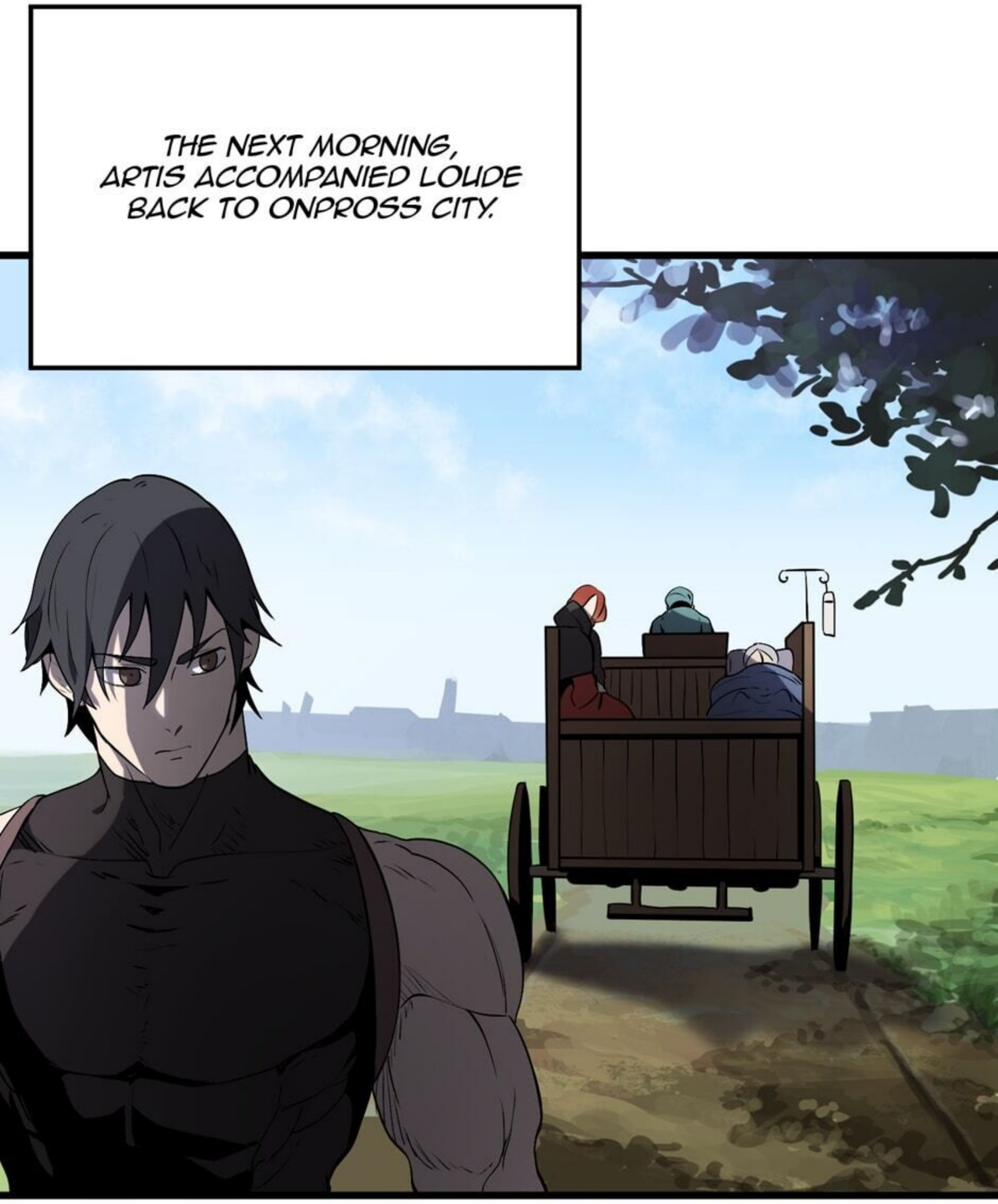
I KNOW THAT, BUT...
THAT SORT OF PAIN CAN'T BE FORGIVEN.
LET'S WAIT FOR THE RESULTS.

CREAK
H-HOW...
HOW IS HE?
HIS LIFE ISN'T
IN DANGER BECAUSE
MR. ERIC BROUGHT
HIM HERE RIGHT
AWAY, BUT...

...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD.
MR... MR. LOUDE.

ALL THE MEN...
WERE SILENT.
THE BLAME FOR
THE ACCIDENT MAY HAVE
FALLEN ON LOUDE
HIMSELF, BUT


KNOWING WHAT KIND OF PAIN HE WAS IN,
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO COMFORT HIM.


THE NEXT MORNING,
ARTIS ACCOMPANIED LOUDE
BACK TO ONPROSS CITY.

AFTER LOUDE LEARNED THAT ARTIS WAS A MAN,
HE COULD NO LONGER FACE HIM.
THE MONSTER THAT

MADE THE LOUD NOISE
WAS NEVER FOUND...

BUT AFTER SPENDING
THREE MONTHS WITH THE
BUCKMAN PARTY, I SOON
FORGOT ABOUT THAT.

OUTSKIRTS OF THE SAAT FOREST
WHAT? MR. LOUDE IS...!
BUCKMAN CAMP
TRYING TO

CLEAR A DUNGEON BY HIMSELF?

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD...

AMBER, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY SERIOUS.

HM.

IT IS...

FOR LOUDE TO GO INTO A DUNGEON ALONE, AT HIS LEVEL, IS SUICIDE.

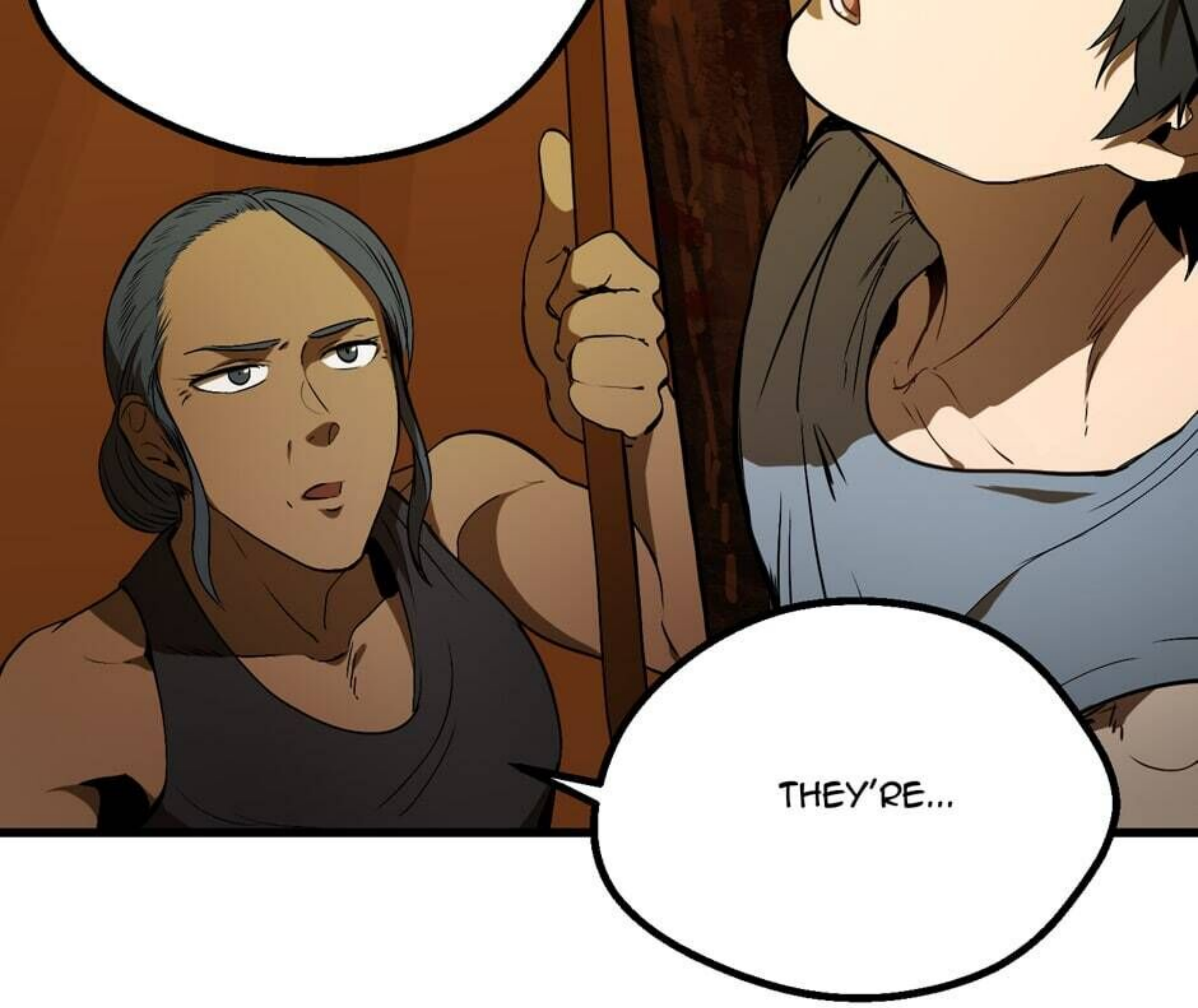
BUT I THOUGHT HIS LEVEL WAS PRETTY HIGH, WASN'T IT?
IT IS... HOWEVER,
LOUDE IS ONLY USED TO FIGHTING MONSTERS INDIGENOUS TO THE ONPROSS AREA.

INDIGENOUS MONSTERS ONLY HUNT FOR SURVIVAL,

SO THEY LEVEL UP VERY GRADUALLY. HIGH-LEVEL MONSTERS ARE USUALLY VERY RARE.

THAT'S TRUE... EPHYR AND THE LORD DEVOLK WERE PRETTY RARE CASES.

THEN WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT DUNGEON MONSTERS?



NOT FROM THIS WORLD.

THEY APPEAR INSIDE THE DUNGEONS THAT THE EVIL GOD OMPHALOS CREATED.
IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND NEWBORN MONSTERS THAT START AT LEVEL 30.
AND I HEARD THAT A LOT OF MONSTERS HAVE

LEVELS **EVEN HIGHER** THAN THAT.

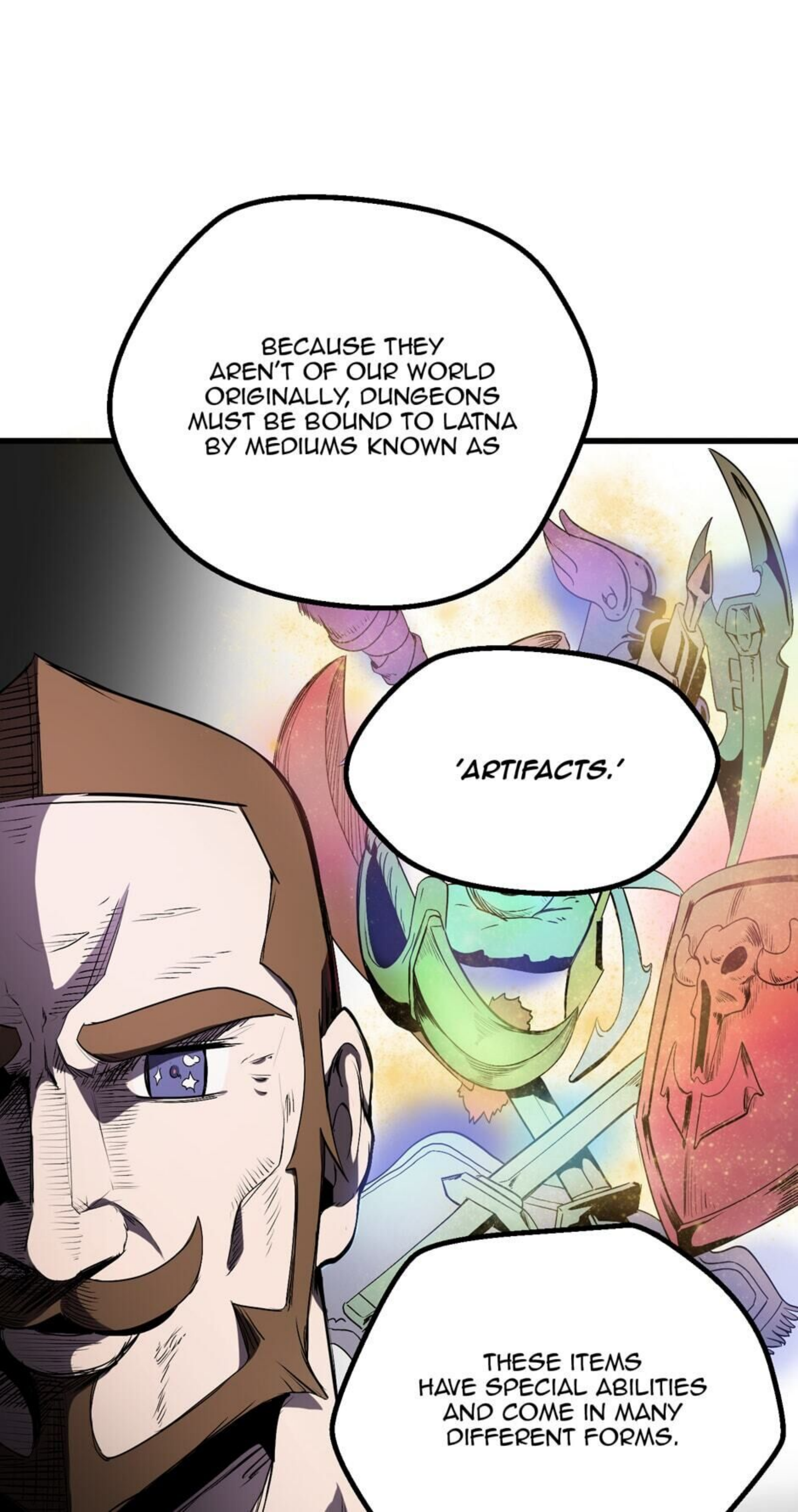
IF THEY'RE LEVEL 30... MAYBE THEY'LL HELP ME LEVEL UP.

TOK

ALL RIGHT, I HAVE TO GO TO A DUNGEON, EVEN IF I NEED TO GO THERE SECRETLY.

WELL, THE MONSTERS ARE ONE THING, BUT...
APPARENTLY, MANY OTHERWORLDERS GO HUNTING THERE IN SECRET AS WELL.
URK
THOSE OTHERWORLD BASTARDS!!
DAMN, HE SAID EARLIER THAT FINDING THE DUNGEON ENTRANCES CAN BE TRICKY TOO! NEVER MIND THE DUNGEONS! JUST FORGET IT!

IF IT'S THAT DANGEROUS, WHY DID MR. LOUDE GO?
PROBABLY IN THE HOPES OF FINDING AN ARTIFACT OF HEALING...
AN ARTIFACT?


BECAUSE THEY AREN'T OF OUR WORLD ORIGINALLY, DUNGEONS MUST BE BOUND TO LATNA BY MEDIUMS KNOWN AS
'ARTIFACTS.'
THESE ITEMS HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES AND COME IN MANY DIFFERENT FORMS.

AND THERE IS A RUMOR THAT AMONG THESE ARTIFACTS,

THERE IS ONE THAT HAS THE ABILITY TO ***HEAL ANY WOUND.***

LOUDE IS LIKELY HOPING TO FIND SUCH AN ARTIFACT.

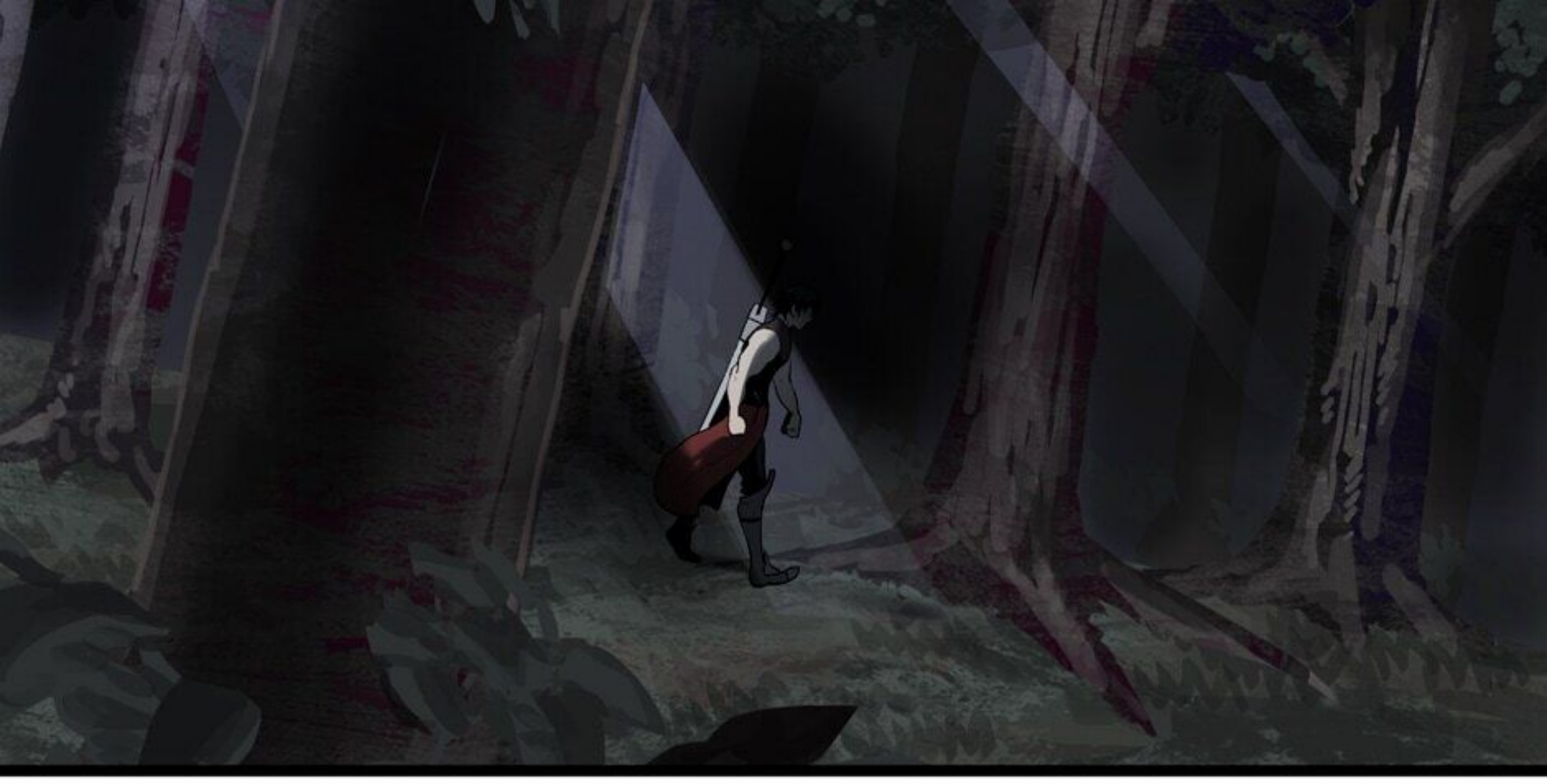
LATELY, THERE ARE A LOT MORE MONSTERS VENTURING OUT FROM SAAT FOREST,

I HOPE THIS ISN'T A BAD OMEN...

WHETHER IT'S A DUNGEON OR AN ARTIFACT, THEY'RE BOTH PIPE DREAMS...

I'M PUTTING OUT THE LIGHT.

LOOKS LIKE THAT MONSTER IS STILL MY ONLY OPTION.



NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I COME OUT HERE, IT'S STILL SPOOKY.

IF THAT MONSTER'S AS BIG AS IT SOUNDS, THEN IT'S DEFINITELY WORTH SEARCHING FOR.

OH YEAH, EPHYR LIVES AROUND HERE.

IF I ASK HER, SHE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING.

THUD

THUD

...
WHERE DID EPHYR LIVE AGAIN?
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MUCH SLEEP THESE PAST THREE MONTHS...
AHHHHHMM

GYAAAAAAAA

WH-WHAT THE...?!

WOONG

TATAT

Species:
Tatiro Lvl 31
GGAK
GGAK
GGAK
SLURUNK

Encased in a hard carapace, it has strong resistance against sword strikes and physical blows. Vulnerable to magic.

Usually resides in dungeons.

WHY IS A DUNGEON MONSTER *OUT HERE?!*

CLUNK
STRONG RESISTANCE TO PHYSICAL ATTACKS?
THESE GUYS ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH MY CLASS...
HUMAN!

MEAT!
AND THEY TALK!

MAGE?
CRASH
GGAK. NO.
USELESS KNIFE.

GGAK
KNIFE! USELESS.
GGAK
GGAK

SPLASH
G-
GGAK?

THAT GUIDE LINE'S
AS USELESS AS EVER, HUH?

KN-KNIFE...

THAT!
MAGIC SWORD!

GGAK! NO.
THAT, KNIFE.
DEAD ONE, STUPID.
ME, NOT STUPID!
KNIFE NO HURT US!

KRAAA
US! EAT KNIFE HUMAN!
US? WHO ARE

YOU TALKING ABOUT?

PATATATA!

G-GGAGAK!!

WHERE DO YOU

THINK YOU'RE GOING?
SSK
GGYAAAAAA!

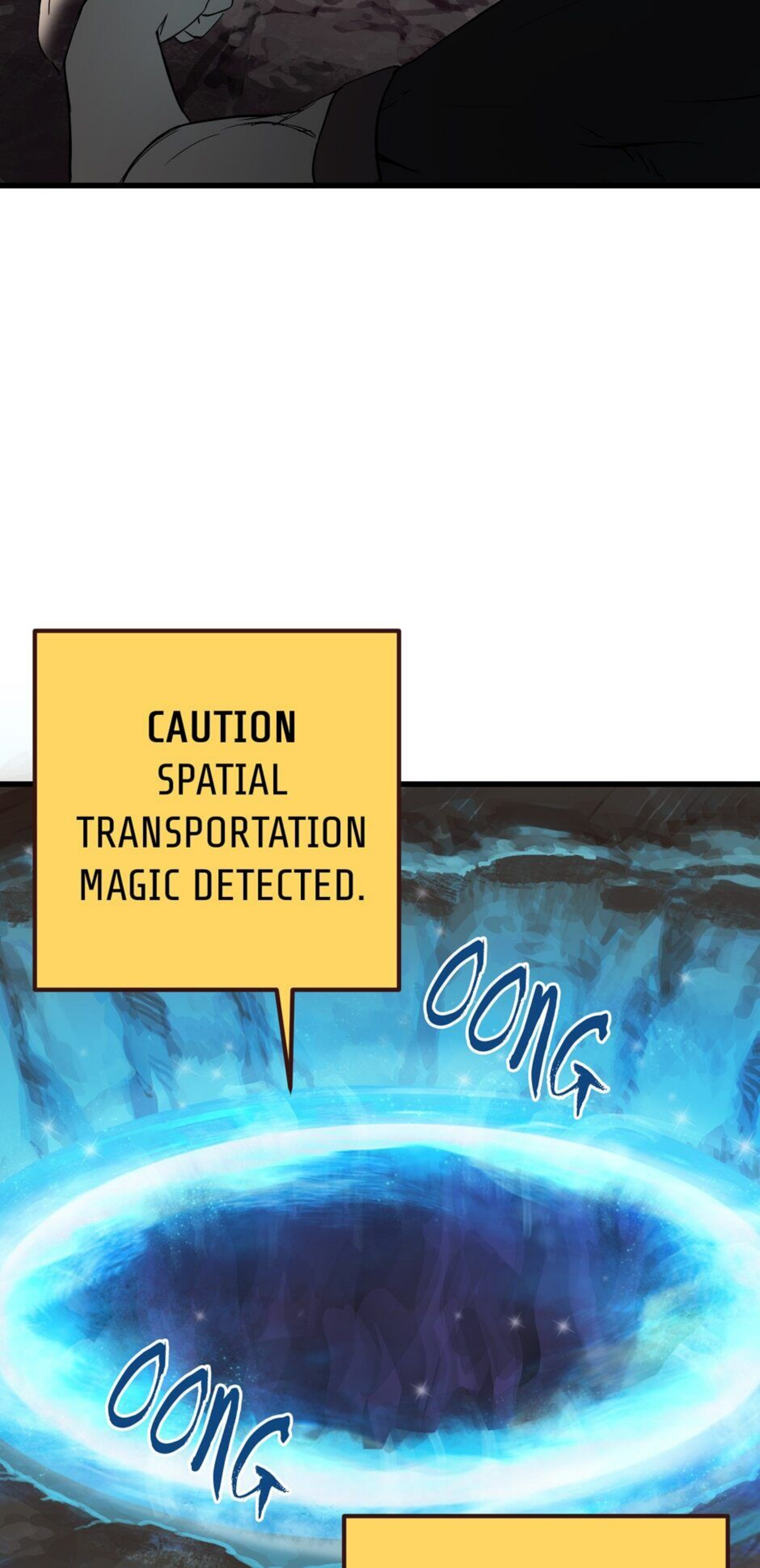
SHFFF
SKRRRRRRRT

MUST HURRY!
TAKE ME WITH YOU-
KSHASHASHASHA
HURRY!
TUP

HEAVE-HO!!
BOOM

FOUND Y-

HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?
GGAK...
OONG
OONG


CAUTION
SPATIAL TRANSPORTATION MAGIC DETECTED.
OONG
OONG

Destination:
Epen Plain Dungeon

A PORTAL... CONNECTED

CLANK

TO THE DUNGEON?

RED DOG

CULTURE HOUSE